(b) whether there is a proposal to connect Haldwani and Dehradun of Uttaranchal State which is sensitive from the point of view of environment, with Aanvla and Sahibabad gas pipe line; and

(c) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Infrastructure for supply of natural gas and CNG is created in a phased manner at different cities subject to availability of natural gas, technical feasibility and economic viability of the project. Accordingly, feasibility studies have established viability of creating CNG facilities at Kanpur, Lucknow, Agra, Faridabad and Pune.

(b) No Sir. .

(c) Does not arise.

Agreement between OIL and RAPL for gas supply

2112. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to revise the agreement signed between RAPL and OIL to supply Gas at cheap rate for the establishment of Gas Cracker Unit of Assam;

(b) whether the agreement for supplying gas to RAPL has been made between RAPL and ONGC;

(c) if so, the details of terms and conditions;

(d) whether the negotiation is on to have agreement of LPG supply to RAPL by IOC; and

(e) if so, by when it will be signed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The draft agreement between RAPL and ONGC has been initiated by ONGC and RAPL pending finalisation of issue of total feedstock tie up for meeting requirement of 2,00,000 tonnes ethylene per annum by RAPL. The draft agreement contain 436 clauses covering in detail all aspects of supply of gas by ONGC to RAPL.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Government has not fixed any time frame for signing the agreement.

Policy on allocation of Naptha and Sulphur

2113. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of production of LPG, Naptha, SKO, HSD, ATF and Sulphur of the oil companies during the last three years, year-wise, item-wise, oil company and their refinery-wise;

(b) in what manner Naptha and Sulphur were allocated to different sectors like fertilizers, power etc. sector-wise during the said period;

(c) whether Government have prescribed any policy in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) The information is given in the enclosed Statement. (See below).

(b) to (d) After deregulation of petroleum products with effect from April 1998, no allocation for release of Naptha to any sector was made during the last three years. Sulphur is a free trade product. Requirements of different sectors are met as per demand, subject to availability.

Accidents at oil refineries

2114. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of minor and major accidents which occurred in various oil refineries of different oil companies, during the last three years, year-wise and refinery-wise; and

(b) the refinery-wise details of steps each oil company has taken to make their refineries safe?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) The requisite information is given in the enclosed statement.